

Base to award \$4B contract

At press time, Robins Air Force Base was slated to award a \$3.749 billion contract to The Boeing Company Thursday in support of the Royal Saudi Air Force F-15 Fleet Modernization Program.

It will be the largest foreign military sales contract ever let at Robins Air Force Base.

"This is historic," said Lt. Col. Jay Schatz, Deputy Security Assistance program manager, on the importance of the program. "It's a program with international scope and national importance. We're very proud to be leading this effort

from Robins."

The F-15S to F-15SA Conversion and Provisioning contract will provide for the development and procurement of conversion kits required to convert the RSAF's 70 existing F-15S aircraft to the new F-15SA configuration, perform test and evaluation of the converted fighter jets, and provide aircrew familiarization to USAF and RSAF pilots.

The F-15SA will be the newest variant of the combat proven F-15E Strike Eagle. It is

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Local Airman named AF First Sergeant of the Year

BY ROBERT TALENTI
689th Combat Communications Wing

Master Sgt. H. Mylo Gibson II, 51st Combat Communications Squadron is this year's Air Force First Sergeant of the Year. Gibson has been serving in the Air Force for more than 20 years, and has been a first sergeant for the past two.

"I became a first sergeant to take care of people and to continue a motto taken from Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.: 'Manly deeds, schol-



Gibson

become a first sergeant along the

arship and love for all mankind'," said Gibson. "My wife, Fenitra, inspires me to take care of people and said the job is my calling."

There were many people who have helped him

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Iron Dagger

Joint exercise involves multiple agencies across four states



National Guard photo by MASTER SGT. ROGER PARSONS
F-15E Strike Eagle crew chiefs from the 4th Fighter Wing, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C., position one of their jets next to an E-8C Joint STARS. The 4th FW was here to participate in exercise Iron Dagger 2012 with Team JSTARS. See Page 5 for more coverage.

Ready to transition

■ Plans for new 5-center construct move announced

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, OHIO – With three major milestones complete, Air Force Materiel Command officials are ready to consolidate the number of centers as part of its command-wide transition to the 5-center construct.

Centers will be activated at Wright-Patterson Air Force

STORY AT A GLANCE

- The Warner Robins Air Logistics Center will transition to a complex July 17.
- The Air Force Sustainment Center and Air Force Life Cycle Management Center will activate July 10 and 9, respectfully.

Base, Ohio, and Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., in the coming weeks. At Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., the Air

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Stay safe, stay focused

BY COL. EVAN MILLER
WR-ALC commander

As we continue down the road of change, I want to ask every member of the Robins team to simply stay safe and stay focused on the mission.

In other words, don't go changing.

The past 18 to 20 months has seen this air logistics center rebound and take great steps toward world class performance across the installation. In a staggeringly short

period of time, our center has dramatically turned around poor statistical marks in aircraft maintenance production, quality and safety. Your hard work and dedication has made Robins a benchmark for production, installation excellence and safety process improvement, but we have much more to do.

As I am charged to take the reins of this center for some period of time, I inherit an exceptionally-talented and high-performing team of

savvy, driven professionals on a winning streak.

So, my best advice comes easy. Stay focused on the practices and attitudes that earned this momentum. Continue to demonstrate the power of horizontal integration. Eliminate the negatives and unnecessary elements that cause turbulence and strife. Embrace what enhances and improves your processes and work environment. Keep getting better and remain committed to our pur-

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NEWS

YOU CAN USE

MTA highlights transit week

The Macon-Bibb County Transit Authority has designated Sunday through Friday as "Try Transit Week, Keeping Middle Georgia Moving."

Riders who use the Buses into Robins Daily, or BiRD program, can ride the bus to and from work for free Wednesday. All bus fares Monday through Friday, except Wednesday, will be 50 cents per ride.

Next week's festivities will not only highlight MTA, but encourage residents who have never ridden mass transit to give it a try. For more information, contact MTA at 803-2500.

Nominations open for Flemming Award

Robins employees are among those eligible for the 64th Annual Arthur S. Flemming Award.

The award, sponsored by George Washington University in conjunction with the Arthur S. Flemming Awards Commission, honors federal employees who have made significant and extraordinary contributions to the federal government. Nominations are open to federal employees and service members with at least three, but no more than 15 years of service through Dec. 31.

The five categories are leadership or management; legal achievement; social science, clinical trials and translational research; applied science, engineering, and basic science.

Additional guidance and forms are available at <http://flemming.gwu.edu>.

Completed nomination packages must be sent to AFPC by Nov. 19.

'Little banged up, but alive'

BY JENNY GORDON
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To say dealing with explosive devices is dangerous is an understatement. Yet, it's a daily reality for those deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Tech. Sgt. Barry Duffield, a 116th Air Control Wing Civil Engineer Squadron Explosive Ordnance Disposal Flight team leader, was recognized for his efforts with a Bronze Star Medal June 18 at the Museum of Aviation.

This is Duffield's second Bronze Star; the first was awarded for his service as an EOD team leader in Iraq from 2007 to 2008.

"It's a huge honor to be awarded a second Bronze Star, but it was a rough trip. I'm just glad that my team and I made it home – a little banged up – but alive," he said.

A former Marine Corps scout/sniper and infantry rifle squad fire team leader,



U.S. Air Force photo by TOMMIE HORTON
Tech Sgt. Barry Duffield, a 116th Air Control Wing Explosive Ordnance Disposal Flight team leader, speaks with reporters Monday after receiving the Bronze Star Medal.

Duffield also received the Air Force Combat Action Medal for his service.

While deployed to Ghazni, Afghanistan, during a six-

month period from 2011 to 2012, he was responsible for directing missions for seven teams, which included 28 Airmen spread across five for-

ward operating bases. His role was NCOIC of operations for the 466th Operating Location-

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Smaller force, still dedicated

ROBINS PERSONNEL DIRECTORATE

More than 851 Robins employees and nearly 1,000 positions were directly affected by the Voluntary Early Retirement Authority/Voluntary Separation Incentive Pay program effort – including other personnel actions resulting from position reductions.

Eight hundred fifty one employees equates to about six percent of the Robins civil service population at the time the effort began a year ago.

When we embarked on the VERA/VSIP effort almost a year ago, we were unsure of how many rounds we would undergo, and of the full extent of reductions we would face.

Now, here we are a year and three rounds later still providing the warfighter with best-in-the-world support each and every day.

We're smaller in population, but certainly no smaller in dedication to the mission.

Just as a memory refresher, VERA/VSIP is a reduction-in-force avoidance tool used by management to incentivize employees to voluntarily retire or separate with a payout of up to \$25,000.

Vacancies resulting

By the Numbers

More than **851** Robins employees were affected by VERA/VSIP.

681 employees chose the voluntary separation incentive.

154 employees are being reassigned to existing funded vacancies.

16 employees will either stay in their current jobs or be reassigned as vacancies occur through natural attrition.

from employees who accept the offers are then used as a means to reassign, or place employees who are either directly or indirectly impacted by position reductions.

Of course, there are many rules that govern the process; rules stemming from DoD level all the way down to local guidelines resulting from past best-practices.

However, not one of those 851 employees was adversely impacted; there were no grade reductions and no involuntary separations. Of the 851 employees, 681 accepted the VERA/VSIP incentive to voluntarily retire or separate; the last of those employees will leave civil service Aug. 31 to embark on the next phase of

their lives.

The departure of the VERA/VSIP recipients leaves 170 remaining impacted employees.

Of those, 154 employees are being reassigned to existing funded vacancies across the installation into positions that match their current occupational series and grade where they can continue to support the warfighter, albeit potentially in a different capacity than before.

The reassignment of those 154 employees leaves 16 employees remaining. Those employees will remain employed; some will continue to work unaffected and some will be reassigned as vacancies occur through natural attrition.

All in all, the VERA/VSIP effort, to include all related reassignments, has been a resounding success for Robins.

We have gone from the threat of a large-scale RIF to zero adverse impact in less than one year.

Any employee who separated from service did so voluntarily and received a cash incentive to do so.

It bears repeating, we are smaller in population, but certainly no smaller in dedication to the warfighter and mission.

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an all-weather, multi-role fighter designed for long-range, high-speed interdiction without relying on escort or electronic warfare aircraft. It is more lethal, survivable and maintainable than its predecessor.

This contract will also provide for base stand-up kits which include initial spares and support equipment needed to achieve operating capability and maintain this capability until follow-on supply support is established. These base stand-up kits will support and maintain 154 newly-produced and converted F-15SA aircraft at four Saudi air bases.

"2012 is going to be an extremely busy and exciting year for Team Robins and the Air Force," said Col. Robert Stambaugh, F-15SA Security Assistance program manager. "This



contract award will solidify Robins' role as a leader in foreign military sales throughout the Department of Defense."

This effort is one element of the \$29.4B FMP that will ultimately provide the RSAF with 84 new F-15SA aircraft; 70 converted F-15SA aircraft; spares, repair and return maintenance, support equipment, standard technical orders, aircraft integration, training and other associated activities and weapons.

Changes on horizon for base visitors

BY STAFF SGT. CRYSTAL KESEY

78th Security Forces Squadron

Visitors to Robins Air Force Base are currently allowed access without a Department of Defense-issued identification card as long as they're escorted by someone with a DoD-issued ID.

Beginning this summer, visitors may enter Robins with unescorted sponsored access if they consent to undergo a check of their criminal history.

The check will take less than 10 minutes and be conducted at the Visitor Control Center at Watson Boulevard.

Individuals who

appear on an Entry Authority List for an event taking place on base will also undergo a background check. EAL submission times will increase in the future to allow the checks to be made. More information will be provided at www.robins.af.mil.

Background checks will be conducted through the National Crime Information Center, Georgia Crime Information Center, Security Forces Management Information System, and Suspension, Revocation, Barment and Wants and Warrants Roster.

Unescorted visitors

will need either their driver's license, state-issued ID, or social security card, which will be checked through those systems by name and date of birth or social security number.

Everyone is asked to be patient as changes are implemented in order to protect personnel, resources and the mission.

VCC hours will remain the same: Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 7:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and Wednesdays from 7:15 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Smith, at DSN 472-1972 or 222-1972.

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way, he added.

"Chief Master Sgt. Ron Draper was a driving force in my desires to be a first sergeant. He saw qualities in me that reflected the wear of the diamond," said Gibson. "Chief Master Sgt. Shawn Wise, a former first sergeant, also sharpened my skills as a first sergeant."

"I am very proud of Master Sergeant Gibson; it is always a great thing when the Air Force gets it right! No one cares more about the troops than Mylo does; I see it every day the way he interacts with them," said Maj. R. Eric Schmidt, 51st Combat Communications Squadron commander. "He takes great pride in everything he does, and I could not be prouder to have him as our first sergeant, he is our 'Shiny Penny!'"

One of his Airmen put it best by echoing the sentiments of their commander. "Master Sergeant Gibson is a great shirt. He has high intensity and high impact to always help his Airmen," said Senior Airman John Adams, 51st CBCS Radio Frequency Transmissions Systems Technician. "He



U.S. Air Force photo by ROBERT TALENTI

Master Sgt. H. Mylo Gibson II, 51st Combat Communications Squadron first sergeant, center, helps Senior Airman Michael Rueda, left, and Senior Airman Jerome Wellington, 51st Combat Communications Squadron cyber transport technicians, build a pallet. Gibson is the Air Force's 2012 First Sergeant of the Year.

truly inspires me to do the same for others!"

The title First Sergeant of the Year is awarded to deserving first sergeants who truly display the meaning of wearing the diamond.

"I am both honored and humbled by this award. It is a tremendous responsibility to be an Air Force first sergeant, one

that I take very seriously. The sheer job satisfaction that comes with helping an Airman in distress or helping them get their careers back on track is very hard to quantify, but I see it in the faces of my Airmen on a daily basis," said Gibson. "I am also thrilled to have the opportunity to represent first sergeants across the Air Force."

AIR FORCE



Air Force, Republic of Korea partner for potential CBRN attacks

Because of the continued threat of attack from North Korea, Pacific Air Force and South Korea airmen are staying trained.

A combined workshop June 7 and 8 gave the allies a chance to strengthen their partnership through demonstrations of the equipment each uses during chemical, biological, radiological or nuclear (CBRN) attacks.

Read more about their efforts at www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123305592.

National Guard troops battle Western wildfires

Citizen-Soldiers and -Airmen from five states are working alongside civilian first responders battling wildfires in Colorado and New Mexico.

New Mexico Army National Guard members are still battling the Little Bear wildfire near Ruidoso, N.M., which is about 35 percent contained, said Guard officials.

The number of New Mexico Guard members has increased from 117 to almost 220 since June 11. The New Mexico Guard has also deployed three UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters – two equipped with Bambi buckets and one on standby for medical evacuations.

To read more, visit www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123305837.

FOB Shank C-17 Accident Investigation Board complete

A recently released investigation report shed some light on the cause of the May 23 mishap involving a C-17A Globemaster III that landed at Forward Operating Base Shank, Afghanistan.

The Accident Investigation Board, convened by AMC, found that the cause of the mishap was that the pilot and co-pilot failed to identify that the landing distance required to safely stop the aircraft exceeded the runway length. Additionally, the AIB president found that the failure to assess runway conditions for fixed wing operations at FOB Shank substantially contributed to the mishap.

To learn more, visit www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123305498.

Aerial Porters: Big 'dawgs' in the yard

It's no secret that cargo aircraft supply the warfighter with what it takes to combat. Equipment, personnel, or life-saving supplies: If warfighters need it, they will move it.

The port dawgs of the 455th Expeditionary Aerial Port Squadron coordinates the bi-directional movement of assets between the U.S. to Bagram and Bagram to forward operating bases.

For more information about their mission, visit www.amc.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123306016.



Joint mobility team concludes support for major N.C. combat exercise

A joint U.S. Air Force and Army team of 120 contingency response experts concluded support operations June 9 for Joint Operational Access Exercise 12-02 in North Carolina.

JOAX was a two-week mobility and ground combat exercise to prepare Air Force and Army service members to respond to worldwide crises and contingencies. It simulated the staging and forcible entry of U.S. combat forces into a hostile area.

Airmen assigned to the 621st Contingency Response Wing at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., joined forces with Soldiers assigned to the 688th Rapid Port Opening Element from Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Va., to form a Joint Task Force – Port Opening team at an intermediate staging base at Mackall Army Airfield, N.C., from June 1 through 9.

Visit www.amc.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123305476 for details.

AF releases new special duty assignment pay table

Airmen in some special duty assignments began receiving adjustments in special duty assignment pay June 15, Air Force Personnel Center officials announced.

Based on recommendations following a routine biennial review of the program, Pentagon officials modified the program to ensure Air Force applications meet legal criteria, said Master Sgt. Robin Childers, AFPC special programs branch manager.

"Board members analyzed each SDAP rule for

recertification to make sure SDAP is paid only to Airmen whose duties are extremely difficult or involve an unusual degree of responsibility," Childers explained. "More than 12,000 enlisted Airmen currently get special duty assignment pay."

To read more about this change, visit www.afpc.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123305614.

Health Screenings for Men

Going to the doctor is not at the top of most people's list of fun things to do.

However, staying ahead of dangers to one's health is advisable. Men should pay particular attention. Prostate cancer is the most common cancer in men, regardless of age or ethnicity, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

For more, visit www.afms.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123305776.

Leaders speak at renewable energy industry day event

Military and industry leaders gathered in Arlington, Va., for the annual Renewable Energy Industry Day June 12 to discuss opportunities for public-private collaboration to meet the military's energy needs.

Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations, Environment and Logistics, Terry Yonkers, spoke of the military's challenge to be "energy secure" despite restricted budgets and growing fuel prices.

To learn more, visit www.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123306118.

Panetta, Dempsey call on lawmakers to protect military personnel accounts

Calling service members key to U.S. national security, Defense Secretary Leon Panetta and Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Army Gen. Martin Dempsey urged senators to do right by them and their families.

The secretary and the chairman testified June 13 before the Senate Appropriations Committee's defense subcommittee. Panetta told lawmakers military personnel are the linchpin to American defense strategy.

"For all the weapons we have, for all the technology we have, frankly, it's the men and women in uniform that are the strongest weapon we have for the future," the secretary said. "And, so we want to sustain the family assistance programs, the programs for wounded warriors, the basic support programs for our troops and their families."

To read more, visit www.defense.gov/news/newsarticle.aspx?id=116724.

— compiled by Holly Logan-Arrington

NEWS FROM AROUND THE



Phillip Jarquio sprints during a relay competition June 15 with other JROTC members. Jarquio is a 10th grade student at Houston County High School.

LEADERSHIP STARTS HERE

JROTC SUMMER CAMP AT ROBINS TEACHES CADETS FUNDAMENTALS



U.S. Air Force photos by SUE SAPP



Above, JROTC students from all five Houston County high schools receive instructions on a fitness event during the camp.

Left, Chris Cobb, Veterans High School, does sit-ups during a relay competition with other JROTC members.

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Left, An E-8C Joint STARS moves down the runway past an F-15E Strike Eagle. Center, Lt. Col. Christopher, 116th Operations Support Squadron, flies an E-8C Joint STARS into position to receive fuel from a KC-135 Stratotanker. (The colonel's last name is withheld for security reasons). Right, E-8C Joint STARS aircrew members monitor data during a mission.

Iron Dagger shows interoperability of U.S. Forces

BY MASTER SGT. ROGER PARSONS

Team JSTARS

A great idea and several months of preparation paid big dividends June 11 through 15 as units from Robins launched exercise Iron Dagger 2012.

The exercise was developed and executed in a manner reminiscent of a high-level Defense Department tasking, but it was actually a grass-roots effort, fashioned by mostly junior officers, and accomplished for a fraction of the cost normally associated with this scale of training.

Getting started

Several months ago, Col. Troy Stone, 461st Operations Group commander, placed a call to then 4th Operations Group commander, Col. Brian Kirkwood, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C., with a proposal that would benefit both wings.

Hearing that Seymour Johnson would be closing its runway for repairs in mid-June, Stone asked Doherty if they would be interested in sending a couple of F-15E Strike Eagles to Robins to conduct missions with the E-8C Joint Surveillance and Target Attack Radar System.

Much to the surprise of Stone, Doherty offered 13 of their jets and personnel for the week.

Like a small snowball gaining size and momentum as it rolls downhill, the first-ever Iron Dagger exercise increased exponentially over the next few months, led by Maj. Jeffery Digsby, 461st OG exercise project officer.

“Bringing in the Strike Eagles allowed us to pull up our sleeves and train face-to-face in operations planning, execution and debriefing,” said Digsby. “This interface enhanced the training we wanted to accomplish with the exercise.”

After landing the Strike Eagles, the call went out to Department of Defense and Homeland Security assets within the Southeastern U.S. and the exercise grew from there.

If you build it, they will come

Col. Dean Worley, 461st Air Control Wing commander, likened the growth of the exercise to the theme from the movie “Field of Dreams.”

“If you build it, they will come,” said Worley. “Like in the movie, we got a tremendous amount of response.”

By the time the exercise kicked off June 11, more than \$1 billion worth of joint service assets from Georgia, Florida, South Carolina and North Carolina were on board, including Air Force, National Guard, Army, Navy, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection personnel and equipment.

Iron Dagger kicked off on a stormy Monday at Robins. The weather kept the Strike Eagles grounded for the first day, but JSTARS and other assets were able to complete missions. From that point, it was full steam ahead for the remaining four fly days of the exercise.

A three-pronged approach

As the exercise progressed through the crawl, walk and run stages, robust training scenarios were conducted centering on a three-pronged approach involving

close air support, maritime interdiction, and combat search and rescue.

The Southeast region provided a perfect backdrop for the approach as three operational areas provided ample air- and ground-training space to conduct simultaneous mission sets simulating a down-range combat environment.

Flying off the coast of South Carolina, JSTARS – with Air Force, Air National Guard and Army operators aboard – provided data to more than seven types of Air Force, Navy, and Homeland Defense aircraft operating in both maritime and land-based areas.

Missions aboard JSTARS provided a unique opportunity for additional value-added training that is outside the norm, as Customs and Border Protection agents and Navy operators were able to fly missions aboard the aircraft.

“Exercise Iron Dagger has been really good because it’s given us an insight into what JSTARS can do to help U.S. Customs and Border Protection,” said a USCBP agent, (for security reasons the agent’s name could not be released).

“They have a great overview platform that can see a lot of the marine environment,” he added. “Where we see a little pizza slice, they can see the whole pie.”

The Navy also took advantage of a valuable training opportunity to test the P-8 Poseidon, a modified Boeing 737-800ERX slated to replace the P-3 Orion.

“Incorporating the P-8 into the fight was instrumental in helping us to start building tactics, techniques and proce-

dures to work with this platform in the future,” said Digsby.

Close air support

The 117th Air Control Squadron out of Savannah provided aerial radar surveillance while JSTARS called in air strikes to Air Force F-15E Strike Eagles and A-10 Thunderbolt IIs, and Navy MH-60R Seahawks. In addition, the Navy provided live surface targets for the maritime exercises.

From the ground, Air Force joint terminal attack controllers directed Strike Eagles and Thunderbolt IIs engaged in close air support at two different areas of operation off the Georgia coast.

Search and rescue operations involving Air Force pararescuemen, HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopters and HC-130 King aircraft from Moody Air Force Base were incorporated on the last day of the exercise performing personnel recovery scenarios at the Moody military operations area range.

“Working with JSTARS to find maritime and land targets was the highlight of the exercise and the reason we came here,” said Lt. Col. Nate Hesse, 4th Fighter Wing detachment commander for the deployment.

Brig. Gen. William Welsh, 116th Air Control Wing commander, shared Hesse’s sentiments.

“This was an outstanding opportunity for Team JSTARS Airmen to work with F-15Es and other assets,” he said. “We rarely get dedicated assets for that long of a period of time to mission plan, brief and debrief together.”

On the Fly

MXW expands rehab services

The health and safety of the 402nd Maintenance Wing workforce is a top priority. To provide enhanced quality of life services, the wing's Rehabilitation Specialist services are being expanded.

Services have been relocated from the HAWC in Bldg. 826 to Bldg. 110, inside the industrial flight line.

Operating hours are: Mondays through Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.; closed weekends and holidays.

As part of the enhanced services, transportation assistance has been added and is available upon request after a referral has been given.

Appointments for rehabilitation specialist services are limited to specific conditions and are by referral only from Occupational Medical Services in Bldg. 207 on First Street, just before the Green Street or Gate One entry point.

OMS operating hours are Mondays through Thursdays from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; Fridays 7:30 a.m. to noon, closed weekends and holidays.

Examples of a qualifying referral are: Work or non-work related musculoskeletal injuries. The average wait time from referral to appointment date is one to three days.

The Rehabilitation Specialist service is a worksite wellness program designed to improve

physical health, prevent further and possibly debilitating injury, reduce stress, and promote a healthy lifestyle. Rehabilitation specialist services are available free of charge for 402nd MXW employees only. For more information, contact OMS in Bldg. 207 to discuss eligibility.

Upcoming

The Refuge, ACE, J-Pak leaders and the Installation Command Chief's office, will sponsor a **free pool party for Airmen** today at the Heritage Club Pool from 8 to 11:30 p.m.

The event will include music, an outdoor movie and food.

For more information, call Chaplain (Capt.) Lane Campbell at 468-2821.

The **Air Education and Training Command Special Duty Assignment Team** will brief special duty opportunities Tuesday at noon in the Robins Conference Center, Bldg. 560.

A special duty assignment is another step toward promotion and career progression.

Senior airmen with at least 35 months time in service through master sergeants with less than 16 years total active federal military service may be eligible to apply and are encouraged to attend the briefing.

Since each specialty has some varied rank needs and requirements,

the briefing is open to everyone at the installation. Spouses are encouraged to attend.

For more information, contact your wing career assistance advisor or Master Sgt. Antonio Knowlton at 472-0168.

The following **contract position is open at the Robins Chapel**: Refuge Director.

The director serves as a resource person and coordinator of the Airman Ministry Center for Robins.

Requirements include: Be spiritually-sensitive and specialize in working with the military, chapel volunteers, and contractors in a pluralistic environment; be at least 25 years of age, and have a bachelors degree and at least two years experience in a young adult singles ministry or religious education position. Work schedule is 25 hours a week.

For a statement of work or more information, contact Tech. Sgt. Derek Johnson at 926-2821. Resumes must be submitted to Johnson by July 3 at noon to be considered for the position; qualified applicants will then be scheduled for an interview. The contract will be awarded based on "Best Value" to the government.

It's that time of year again. **The 78th Medical Group will provide Healthy Start Screenings** for Tricare beneficiaries

Air Force workers can find help here

Finances & Work-Life Balance	Airman & Family Readiness Center	926-1256
Health and Wellness Education	Health and Wellness Center	327-8480
Health Screenings	Civilian Health Promotion Services	327-8030
Work, Personal or Family Issues	Employee Assistance Program	(800) 222-0364
Work Stress, Psychological Issues	Organizational Consulting Office	327-9803
Mental Health & Substance Abuse	Houston Healthcare	922-4281
Unplanned Pregnancy	Houston Healthcare	922-4281
Suicide Prevention	National Suicide Prevention Lifeline	(800) 273-8255
Sexual Assault & Victim Advocacy	Sexual Assault Response Coordinator	926-2946
Crime Victim Advocacy	Victim Witness Assistance Program	327-4584

AFMC Wellness Support Center — www.afmcwellness.com

entering Georgia schools for the first time.

Screenings are for students from pre-k to 12th grade and will be conducted July 7 and 21 from 9 a.m. to noon in Bldg. 700A. No appointments are necessary.

Children will have vision, hearing and dental exams – all of which are required by the Georgia school system. In addition, height, weight, blood pressure and scoliosis screenings will be performed. Immunizations will be available, so bring a copy of your child's latest shot record.

Georgia school forms 3300 and 3231 will be available and may be completed at the event. Only the above services will be performed at the school screenings. If a sports physical is needed, contact 327-7850 to schedule an appointment.

For more information, contact Master Sgt. Joseph Prunty or Senior

Airman April Cooper at 327-8220.

The Airman and Family Readiness Center is hosting a deployed families event July 14 to Cordele, where families can enjoy a ride on the Sam Shortline Excursion Train.

Transportation, a train ticket and lunch will be provided. Buses will leave the Heritage Club parking lot at 7 a.m. and will return at 6 p.m. Deadline to sign up is July 6.

For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. Ronald Megginson at 497-7506 or Master Sgt. Michelle Main at 497-7691.

Et cetera

The following leave recipients have been approved through the **Voluntary Leave Transfer Program**:

Janine Jackson of the 78th MDSS.

Point of contact is

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To assist in **reducing alcohol-related incidents**, the 78th Force Support Squadron is offering a designated driver program at the Heritage Club, Horizons and Pizza Depot.

For groups of two or more, designated drivers will receive free fountain soft drinks, fruit juices or non-alcoholic frozen drinks. To learn more, call 468-2670.

Also, Airmen Against Drunk Driving provides rides free of charge to any Robins DoD identification card holder. Coverage is from Perry to Macon.

For a free, anonymous ride, call 472-0013.

Lights, camera, action

Robins reservist, brother land roles as extras in locally-filmed baseball biopic

BY BO JOYNER

Air Force Reserve Command

June 8 was a day to remember for Scotty Brown. The former high school baseball player and current Air Force reservist spent the day running through baseball drills on an old diamond near historic Luther Williams Field in Macon while the motion picture cameras rolled.

Brown was selected as an extra for “42,” a biopic about legendary baseball player and civil rights leader Jackie Robinson.

“This was just one of those ‘bucket list’ things,” Brown said. “When I heard they were looking for extras for a baseball movie being filmed in Macon, I figured I’d give it a shot.”

Brown said he came across the call for extras on the webpage of a local Macon television station and submitted his name.

A few weeks later, he was asked by the casting company to send in three pictures of himself. Not long after that, he got the call to show up at Luther Williams Field.

“It was a long day,” Brown said. “We were there from 6:30 in the morning until about 7:30 that night. I definitely have a lot more respect for the people who work in the movie industry. They put in a lot of hard work.”

Brown said the scenes they were shooting that day

take place in spring training in the 1940s.

Robinson broke baseball’s color barrier with the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1947.

“42” stars Harrison Ford as Branch Rickey, the Dodgers executive who signed Robinson. Chadwick Boseman plays Robinson in the movie. Brown said that both Ford and Boseman were on the set the day he was shooting.

“Mr. Boseman actually came out and spent about an hour hanging out with some of the extras,” he said. “He was a really nice guy.”

Brown came back for shooting on June 11, but it rained most of the day.

“We just ended up doing a few locker room shots that day,” he said.

As an Air Force reservist, Brown is assigned to the 94th Aerial Port Squadron at Robins. He played high school baseball at Bleckley County High in Cochran.

In addition to breaking down racial barriers, Robinson was one of the greatest baseball players of his generation. He won the 1947 Rookie of the Year and 1949 National League Most Valuable Player awards, and was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1962. His number, 42, is retired throughout Major League Baseball.

“42” is tentatively scheduled for release in April 2013. Brown said he will definitely be in the audience the day it opens.



Courtesy photo by SCOTTY BROWN

Reserve Master Sgt. Scotty Brown, right, and his brother, Joe, pose in vintage 1940s baseball uniforms during filming of “42,” a biopic about baseball legend and civil rights activist Jackie Robinson. The brothers were selected to serve as extras during filming in Macon.

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER

The following Team Robins personnel have been selected for promotion

Lt. Col.

Brent Dorsey
Daniel Johnsen
Matthew Briggs
Brian Mayer
Jeffrey Katzman
Anthony Montelepre
Eric Schmidt
Warren Vines

Salvatore Framo
Joseph Gagin
Edher Gaitan
Nickolaus Gauger
Marcus Gray
Steven Green
Francis Grimm
Ashley Gross
Mykasha Hamic
Wynn Hamic
Anthony Harris
Maurice Hazelton
Christopher Henry
Anthony Hernandez
Brandon Hurley
Jason Izor
Charles Jackson
Alexander Johnson
Douglas Johnson
Mychael Johnson
Reginald Johnson
Ro Johnsoncantrell
Christopher Jones
Dennis Jones
Michael Jones
Shanika Jones
Samuel Kaszuba
Michael Kennedy
Patrick Kerney
David Kness
Frances Kness
Drew Layson
Nikki Lewis
Robert Lewis
Terry Lewis
Matthew Mckeegan
David Mclaughlin
Katrina Medley
Alison Michela
Douglas Mikesch
Winfred Morgan
David Noverola
Johan Pereira
Maria Pereira

Nestor Perez
Ayoca Peters
Clyde Rankins
Daniel Reschke
Matthew Robbins
Christophe Rodarte
Randall Rowland
Alexander Royal
James Ryals
Eric Sapp
Gabriel Scarberry
Till Schanz
Robert Shoemaker
Mark Smith
Ricky Smith
Virgil Smith
Ryan Spallinger
Jonathan Stewart
Stephen Swircek
Angela Thompson
Jennifer Thompson
Johnie Tucker
Houten Van
Gary Walls
Andrew Walsh
Clinton Williams
Denise Williams
James Williams
Chadidscha Willis
Darren Wright
Ezra Wylie
Franklin Yawn
Benjamin Zamora

Senior Airmen

(Below the zone)

Darren Carr
Jarrelyn Kelley
Jairo Rodriguez

Tech. Sgt.

Jeffery Aldana
Christopher Arnold
Joel Avant
Cody Baker
Mark Baker
Glenn Barber
Michael Beals
Loren Bell
Pauline Bevins
Taylor Bisenius
Daniel Brown
Derrick Bundren
Christopher Butler
Zachary Callan
David Carden
Monica Carloss
Broderick Carroll
Robert Cassidy
Keron Cofield
Bruce Colburn
Julian Colunga
Mark Corless
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pose – being a world-class center of acquisition and sustainment excellence.

I realize keeping up the pace can be challenging – particularly as the structure of our organization is preparing to change. But even in the face of change, we have constants. Our business doesn't change. Our jobs haven't really changed at all.

For the most part, our working relationships and the people we work closely with aren't changing.

ALIVE

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Alpha, EOD flight at FOB Ghazni from August 2011 to February 2012.

The goal was to neutralize threats of improvised explosive devices, providing freedom of movement for coalition forces, keeping supply routes open and saving lives, Duffield said.

He was originally deployed as an EOD team lead, but was moved up to operations NCOIC after the previous NCOIC was injured by an IED blast that struck the vehicle both men were using while on a mission.

"My vehicle was specifically targeted by the enemy using a massive, command-initiated IED that went undetected by the patrol we were on.

"One of my team members had his spine broken in two places and a shattered left elbow, the gun-

All of these comforts place you in prime position to build upon your exceptional performance of the past year and a half.

I know every Robins member feels it. The pride is back and success is contagious. You know what it takes to excel. Staying integrated and true to the level of excellence we have reached, we can not only continue to move forward for our warfighters today, but we can ensure a bright tomorrow.

As with most of life, change is certain. We are in such a time. The organizational structure of

Robins will be altered over the coming months, but the people will endure ... and our team will succeed through it all. We will continue Robins' 71-year tradition of excellence.

Again, through the transition from center to complex, I ask you to stay safe and stay focused every day – at home and at work. Then, one day, we can all look back at this time of change and say, "I wouldn't change a thing."

Thanks for all you do for Robins, our nation and the U.S. Air Force.

ner had a skull fracture and a crushed right ankle. My driver and I were able to walk away with only minor injuries," recalled Duffield.

Under his leadership, EOD teams accomplished 225 combat missions, mitigating more than 70 IEDs.

Clearing miles of critical main supply routes, he successfully executed 52 combat missions under constant threat of attack from insurgents throughout Ghazni province. He completed 37 route clearance patrols and helped destroy more than 1,200 pounds of enemy explosives.

Among his other achievements included the discovery of a new and effective way enemies were burying IEDs, as well as displaying leadership during an ambush when he helped clear a safe path and rendered aid to wounded soldiers.

Duffield joined the

Marines in 1997, later joining the Air Force Reserve in 2002. In 2004, he transferred to the Utah Air National Guard and joined the Georgia Air National Guard in 2010.

The Air National Guard EOD unit at Robins includes four full-time personnel with full-response capabilities against military, commercial and improvised explosive hazards.

"Imagine riding through enemy areas outside the wire, coming up on explosive devices, some of them 250 pounds or more. Most of us would probably turn around and not walk, but run the other way," said Maj. Gen. James B. Butterworth, Georgia National Guard adjutant general. "For those in EOD and for Tech. Sgt. Duffield – he runs toward it to save lives and to save property. If that's not a hero, then we're going to have to redefine the term."

Lt. Gen. (sel) Bruce Litchfield, Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center commander, Tinker Air Force Base, listens to Bonnie Jones, 638th Supply Chain Management Group director, during a briefing here Friday. Litchfield will be the first Air Force Sustainment Center commander.



U.S. Air Force photo by SUE SAPP

TRANSITION

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Force Flight Test Center will be redesignated the Air Force Test Center to reflect an expanded mission to cover all test activities. At about the same time, AFMC will begin the process of consolidating the centers from 12 to five.

The 5-center construct was announced in November 2011 as a major part of AFMC's response to a Department of Defense challenge to find efficiencies and save tax dollars. By reducing and consolidating overhead, the command will improve the way it accomplishes its diverse mission and will provide better support to the warfighter. This effort will save about \$109 million annually.

"We are transitioning the command in a way that will create opportunities for more efficient and responsive support to the warfighter while also saving the taxpayer money," said Gen. Janet Wolfenbarger, AFMC Commander.

AFMC moves forward with the 5-center construct having met three critical requirements. The Senate has confirmed AFMC's new general officers to lead the consolidated centers, two Congressionally mandated reports have been delivered to Congress, and Headquarters Air Force has formally approved the transition.

At Wright-Patterson, the Air Force Life Cycle Management Center will activate July 9; however, the activation ceremony will take place July 20 in conjunction with Aeronautical Systems Center becoming part of AFLCMC and the retirement ceremony for Lt. Gen. Thomas Owen, commander of the ASC. Also on July 9, Air Force Security Assistance Center will become the Air Force Security Assistance and Cooperation Directorate. It will continue its foreign military sales mission as part of AFLCMC from its Wright-Patterson location.

The Electronic Systems Center at Hanscom Air Force Base, Mass., will become part of AFLCMC on July 16 and will continue its critical mission at Hanscom as it does today. The dual mission of test and air armament development at the Air Armament Center at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., will become part of the Air Force Test Center at Edwards and AFLCMC,

respectively. The air armament development portion of AAC will become part of AFLCMC on July 18.

AFLCMC will be led by Lt. Gen. C.D. Moore II, presently the AFMC vice commander.

On July 10, the Air Force Sustainment Center will be activated at Tinker and will be led by Lt. Gen. (sel) Bruce Litchfield. It will consolidate oversight of the command's sustainment mission now carried out by air logistics centers at Tinker, Robins Air Force Base, Ga., and Hill Air Force Base, Utah, along with the Air Force Global Logistics Support Center at Scott Air Force Base, Ill. The logistics centers will be redesignated as air logistics complexes.

The center at Tinker will be redesignated on July 10. AFGLSC at Scott will see its mission transition to AFSC on July 11. The Hill ALC will transition to a complex on July 12, while Robins' center will transition to a complex July 17.

At Edwards, the redesignated Air Force Test Center will begin operations on July 6, however a formal ceremony to mark the transition will be July 13. Also on the same day, the 95th ABW at Edwards will transition with its people and mission moving to the 412th Test Wing. The test center will be led by Brig. Gen. Arnold Bunch, Jr. The center will oversee the command's test mission maintained at Arnold Air Force Base, Tenn., Edwards and Eglin.

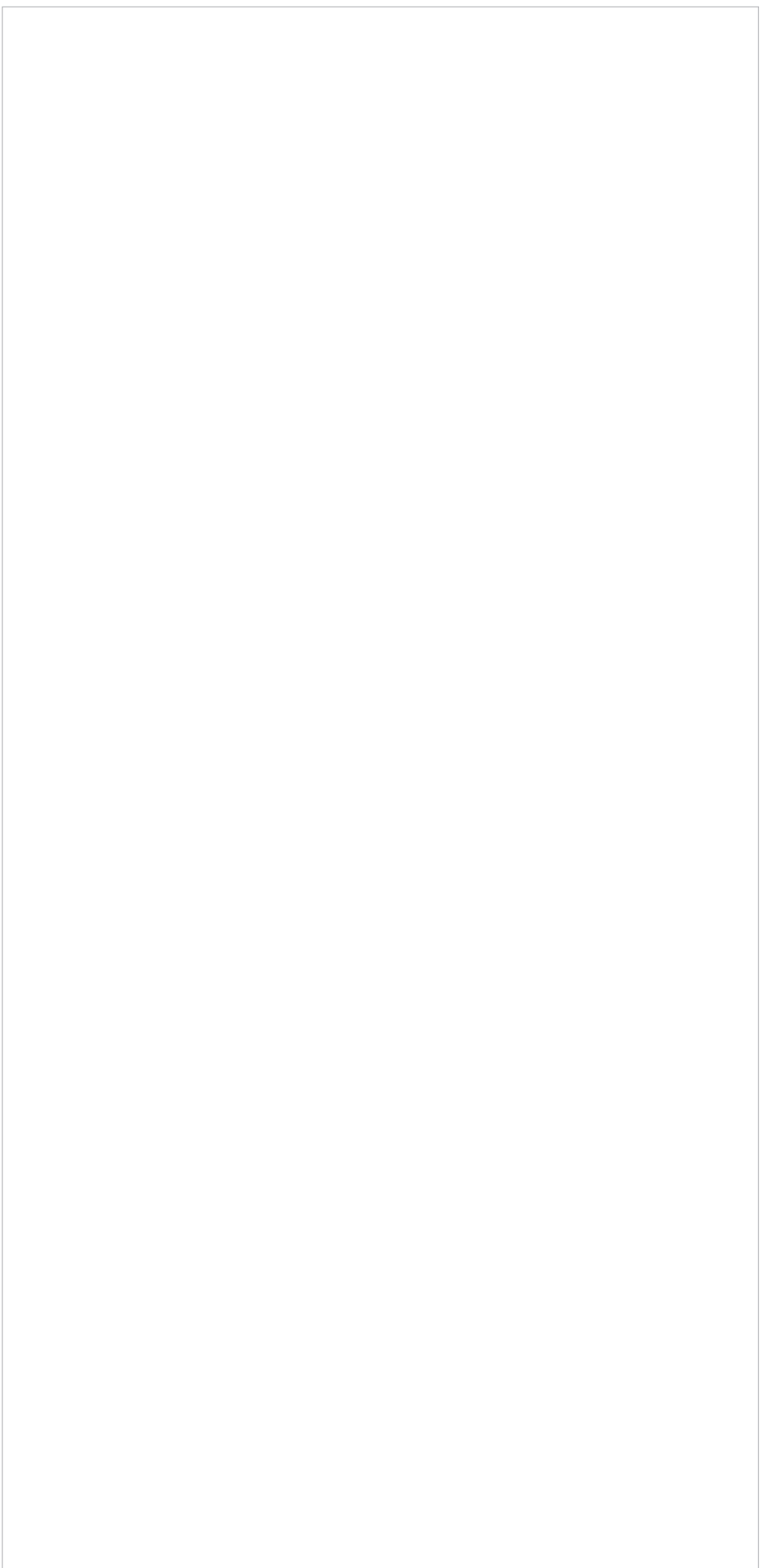
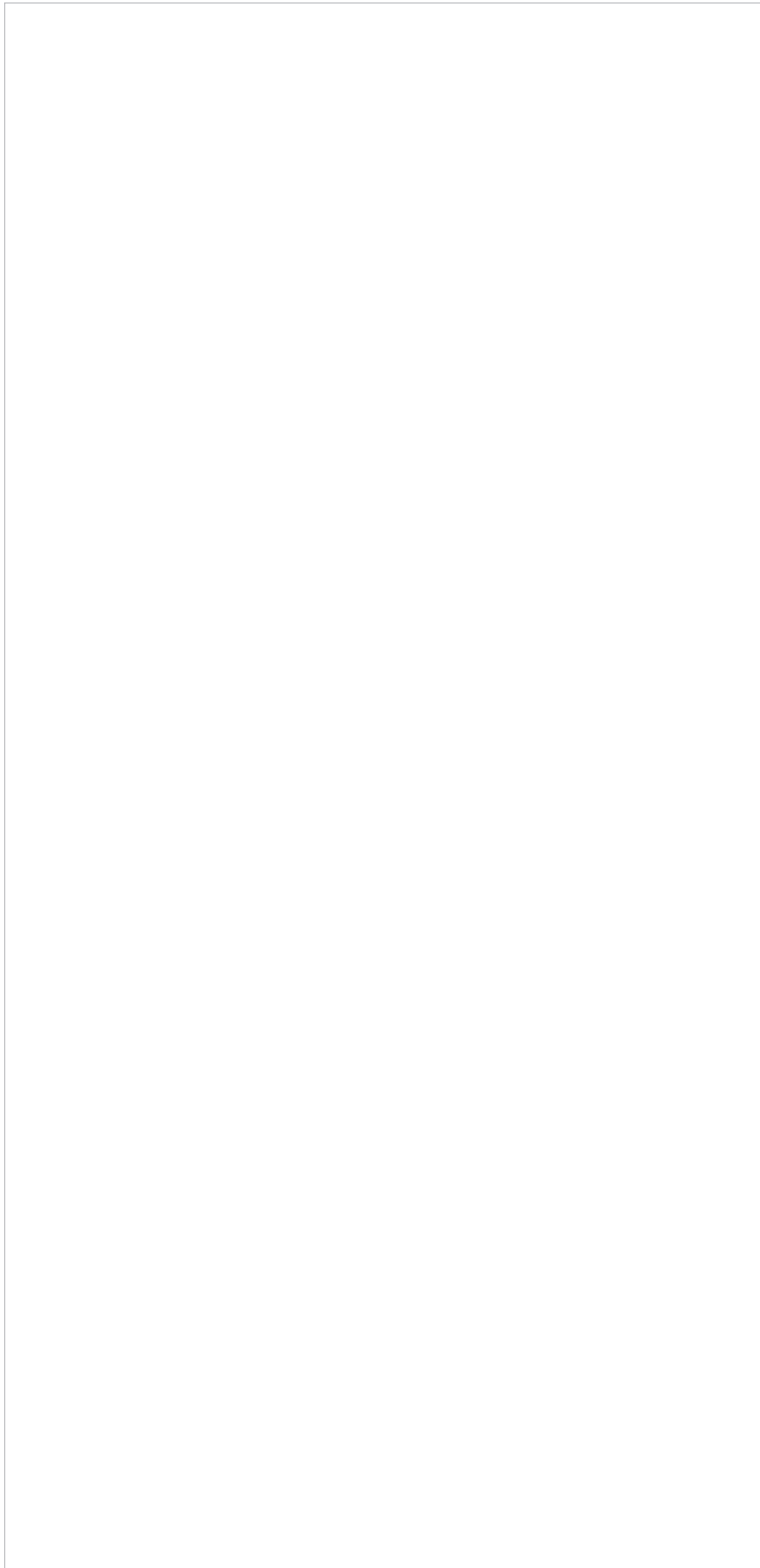
On July 18 at Eglin, the 96th Air Base Wing will be redesignated the 96th TW. The people and mission of the current 46th TW will transition to the newly designated 96th TW. Both the Eglin and Edwards test wings will then align to the AFTC.

On July 6, the Arnold Engineering and Development Center at Arnold will be redesignated as a complex and align with the test center at Edwards AFB.

The life cycle management, sustainment and test centers will be joined by the present Air Force Research Laboratory at Wright-Patterson and the Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center at Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M., to complete the five-center line-up.

When complete, the actions delineated above will lead up to initial operational capability on Oct. 1, and full operational capability by mid-2013.

Wolfenbarger took command of AFMC June 5. Lt. Gen. Moore will be replaced as vice commander by Lt. Gen. (sel) Andrew Busch, presently the commander of the Ogden Air Logistics Center at Hill.



HAPPENINGS

UPCOMING

School's Out Bowling for kids
Every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday
2 to 5 p.m.
Bowling Center
Three games including shoes
\$5 per person
12 years and younger
\$6 per person
13 years and older
For details, call 468-2112.

Writing a Winning Resume
Monday
9 to 11 a.m.
Bldg. 794
For details, call 468-1256.

Debt Reduction
Tuesday
1 to 3 p.m.
Bldg. 794
For details, call 468-1256.

Afternoon Thunder Alley
Wednesday
2 to 4 p.m.
Bowling Center
\$6 per person unlimited play
For details, call 468-2112.

Learn to Play Golf
"Get Golf Ready Program"
\$100 per person
for 10 weeks
Class starts Wednesday
For details, call 468-4103.

Navigating USAJobs
Thursday
9 to 10 a.m.
Bldg. 794
For details, call 468-1256.

Club Scholarships
Due July 2
Essay title: "What do the words 'America the Beautiful' mean to me?"
For details, call 468-5492.

ONGOING
On Spot Café Renovation
Outside Kitchen available
Limited hours
For details, call 468-2112.

Summer Strike Force
Now through Aug. 5
Bowling Center
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Parent & Child Golf Play in June
Parents pay full price and child plays for free
Children 5 to 12 years old
One child per parent
For details, call 468-4103.

Want to have a Pool Party?
Sign-up now
For details, call 468-4001.

Fall Soccer
Register July 2 through 31
Youth Center
For details, call 497-6831.

Join Your Club Drive
Sign up now through July 13
Win up to \$100 instantly
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Reading is so Delicious at your Library
For kids, youths and adults
Now through July 23
10 a.m.

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- ▶ Fitness Center . . .468-2128
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- ▶ Fitness Annex472-5350
- ▶ Base Chapel468-2821
- ▶ Youth Center468-2110
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- ▶ Horizons468-2670
- ▶ Bowling Center . . .468-2112
- ▶ Heritage Club468-2670
- ▶ Pine Oaks G.C. . .468-4103
- ▶ Library497-8761
- ▶ Pizza Depot468-0188

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Please register
For details, call 497-8761.

Tubing & Water Slide Trip to Helen, Georgia
Register by June 30
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\$60 per person
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Noon to 7 p.m.
Heritage Club
and Horizons Pools
Free
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Seeking Volunteers
Wood Hobby Shop
For details, call 468-5282.

Interested in being a Tennis Coach?
Contact Ron Hayes
For details, call 497-6831.

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Tickets on sale
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Armed Forces Vacation Club
Robins Installation
Code is #79
\$349 per week
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New Family Dining
Fridays, Saturdays only
5 to 8 p.m.
Horizons
For details, call 468-2670.

Lunch Buffet
Horizons
Tuesdays and Wednesdays
\$9.95; members receive 20 percent off
Thursdays and Fridays
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